

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/526,587 Confirmation No.: 3809  
Applicants : Tokyo-to Akira Sano  
Title: Method for the Management of Service Quality Information in Web Services  
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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Dear Sir:

Applicant is filing this Statement of Substance of Interview.

**Date of Interview:** November 9, 2009  
**Type of Interview:** Telephonic  
**Participants:** Shawki Ismail, Primary Examiner  
Esther Benoit, Examiner  
Gregory K. Goshorn, Attorney for Applicants  
**Exhibits Shown:** None  
**Prior Art Discussed:** Zhang et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 7,177,862)  
Sedukhin (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2004/0030627)

**Agreement Reached?:** Yes and No

**Summary of Arguments:** Neither Zhang nor Sedukhin suggest transmitting Quality of Service (QoS) information to a service requestor.

**Summary of Interview:** Examiners agreed that Sedukin, which is relied upon for the element, seems to only transmit QoS information to a management console and agreed to look into the issue. Examiners stated that only claim 24 includes this limitation. However, Applicants submitted in a follow-up conversation with Examiner Benoit that claims 8 and 27 also includes the limitation.

If there are any fees associated with the filing of this Statement of Substance of Interview, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of International Business Machines Corporation, Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 19, 2009

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